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Mr. James Davis, Ph.D., Director New Mexico Environment Department Resource Protection Division P.O. Box 5469 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

Dear Dr. Davis:

Re:

Year 2 pH Monitoring Report

**Smelter Tailing Soils Investigation Unit- Chino AOC** 

Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company (Chino) submits under separate cover the Year 2 pH Monitoring Report for the Smelter Tailing Soils Investigation Unit under the Chino Administrative Order on Consent (AOC). This report is the second annual report as required under the Soil pH Monitoring Plan submitted to New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) on July 7, 2010. Chino submitted the monitoring report today to Mr. Phil Harrigan of the NMED.

Please contact Mr. Ned Hall at (520) 393-2292 if you have any questions regarding this report.

Sincerely,
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for

Timothy E. Eastep, Manager Environment, Land and Water

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